

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently ~~amended~~): A method of monitoring the use of a chargeable dynamic signaling port of a trunk connecting two exchanges, ~~in particular in connection with~~ wherein applications ~~which communicate via said exchanges and which are likely to require to use such~~ ports said port, in which said method there is provision for comprising:

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assigning rights of use, of a chargeable dynamic signaling port of a trunk connecting two exchanges, to each an application enabling it either to have a, wherein said chargeable dynamic signaling port is set up and deactivated on demand; and

if said chargeable dynamic signaling port has not been activated or has been deactivated, setting up an assigned chargeable dynamic signaling port of this kind set up and then to, of said trunk connecting two exchanges, for use it or only to use a by said application, or

if said chargeable dynamic signaling port has already been set up, making an assigned chargeable dynamic signaling port of this kind if it has already been set up available for immediate use only by said application.

2. (currently ~~amended~~): The method claimed in claim 1 ~~wherein there is provision for~~ immediately, further comprising informing applications likely to require to use a chargeable

dynamic signaling port that ~~a said assigned chargeable dynamic signaling port of this kind~~ has been set up to enable said applications to use said assigned chargeable dynamic signaling port as fully as possible.

3. (currently ~~amended~~): The method claimed in claim 1, wherein the right assigned to an application is monitored, ~~in the~~ an exchange initiating a call request, to set up a call via ~~a said~~ chargeable dynamic signaling port ~~of this kind~~, and wherein the same application ~~possibly~~ has a different right according to the exchange from which the setting up of a call is initiated.

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4. (currently ~~amended~~): The method claimed in claim 1 wherein ~~there is provision for~~ said assigning rights of use assigns said rights of use of said chargeable dynamic signaling port in variable time periods ~~that can be changed~~.

5. (previously presented): The method claimed in claim 3, wherein the right assigned to each application is stored in a data base for the exchange initiating the call request.